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Appeal launched over giant warehouses plan

All aboard for new £320m rail link

• *Transport Secretary Chris Grayling, centre with the scissors with Mark Carne. right and Dave Penney, left*

TRANSPORT Secretary Chris Grayling cut the ribbon to officially open the new £320million rail line linking Oxford and London Marylebone.

He was joined by Dave Penney, the managing director of Chiltern Railways and Network Rail chief executive Mark Carne to do the honours at the station on Monday last week.

The line is expected to experience more than 850,000 journeys each year.

Full story on page 17

By Samantha McGregor

A DEVELOPER has launched an appeal months after councillors threw out proposals for giant warehouses next to three housing estates.

In June, Cherwell district councillors went against officer advice and rejected the Albion Land proposals.

The developer wants to build warehouses across 53,000sqm of land. Warehouses would be up to 16.5m tall and used for light industry, general industrial and warehouse and distribution.

Planning officers had recommended the application for the site, off Howes Lane and Middleton Stoney Road, was approved despite a string of objections.

These included inappropriate development in a residential area, that the current road infrastructure could not cope with an increase in traffic and the proposal was contrary to the local plan.

But after a long debate councillors went against officers' advice and rejected the outline planning application.

At the time Peter Frampton, for Albion Land, said the development would provide jobs and help fund the road improvements in the area.

The matter is now expected to go to a public inquiry next September.

In the appeal documents, Albion Land said: "The two reasons given for refusal of the planning application raise a series of complex and overlapping issues that will necessitate the evidence to be tested through formal questioning by an advocate.

"In the first reason for refusal it was alleged that the proposed mix of employment uses does not comply with the development plan and the resultant levels of job creation are less than that would be created from predominantly B1 floorspace."

The site is part of a wider eco-town allocation, and the relevant development plan policies relate not just to the appeal site, but to the wider eco-town allocation. The issues are therefore complex as the policies and proposed land uses across the wider eco-town are interlinked with the appeal site.

The planning application was also refused on grounds of landscape and visual impact of the scheme. It is necessary for an advocate to test

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Police clampdown on drivers using phones

By Adam Flinn

POLICE have been using a covert lorry in a bid to catch drivers on the A34 and M40 using their mobile phones.

Officers drove along the two roads for five hours on Tuesday last week and stopped 17 drivers.

Of these, 12 were pulled over for using a mobile phone while driving, including one HGV driver, three were stopped for not wearing a seatbelt, and two for careless driving.

It is part of a clampdown by Thames Valley Police to stop people from using their phones while driving following a number of incidents this year.

Chief Inspector Henry Parsons said: "We are committed to reducing deaths and serious injury on the roads of the Thames Valley.

"The use of a covert vehicle is a useful method in tackling mobile phone use, as it allows us to see into the cabs of lorry drivers and see if they are using mobile phones. Sometimes HGV drivers think as they are high up we cannot see them using a device, but with this tactic we definitely can.

"We would remind everyone not to use their mobile phone whilst driving, and remember it's not worth the risk."

In August, a mother and three children were killed on the A34 near East Ilsley after lorry driver Tomasz Kroker was distracted by his phone and caused an eight-vehicle collision.

Police have also highlighted two other incidents in recent months in which a lorry on the M40 drifted on to the hard shoulder just half a mile away from a vehicle parked on it, and a car driver on the A34 filmed for more than 30 seconds driving along with no hands on the steering wheel.

PC Perry Knight said: "A lot of the recent accidents in the area have been caused by drivers not concentrating on what they're doing, where they're going and what's in front of them. So we're doing a real clampdown on that to try and detect drivers on the phone, not wearing their seatbelts, or any other careless driving they might be doing."

• *Thames Valley Police stopped 17 drivers in five hours*

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Robbery charge

OXFORD: A man has been charged after threatening staff and stealing cash from an Oxford bookmakers.

Peter Dixon, 50, of no fixed abode, was charged with one count of robbery and one count of possession of a bladed or sharply pointed article in a public place on Tuesday last week, having been arrested the same day.

The charges relate to an incident at Betfred in Cherwell Drive on December 10.

Dixon appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Thursday last week and is due to appear at Oxford Crown Court on January 13.

Beat the flu

OXON: Children in Oxfordshire are being advised to get a free flu vaccination over the next few weeks.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group is offering children aged between two and eight a new nasal spray vaccine.

Clinical chairman Dr Joe McManners said: "Flu can be serious for young children.

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AN adventurous kitten gave its owners a fright when it got its head wedged in a toy car.

Fire crews received the unusual call to help the cat, who is only a few months old, at 12.15pm on Wednesday last week at a Stanford in the Vale home.

A fire officer attended to assess the scene, followed by a fire crew from Faringdon who freed the kitten unharmed from its predicament.

The kitten had climbed inside a child's sit-in pedal car and pushed its head up through a small hole at the back, becoming trapped by the neck. Its owner had tried to cut through the plastic car to release it, but found the material too hard.

The distressed kitten had been stuck for some time before the owner found it.

The firefighters managed to get enough space to slide a small saw blade down the hole next to the kitten's neck and, after some very delicate cutting, managed to free it.

The fire and rescue service's incident commander Graham Turner said: "It serves as a lesson to all youngsters at this time of year not to be tempted to dive in to your presents too early!"

Offender struck victim several times with baseball bat

Pair jailed for violent attack

By Samantha McGregor

• *Brian Trinder, 33 and Jody Dance, 30 have been jailed for a violent attack on a man and woman in Banbury*

A MAN and woman from Banbury have been jailed after attacking a woman with a baseball bat.

Jody Dance, 30, and Brian Trinder, 33, both of Station Approach, Banbury, were found guilty after a trial last month.

Dance was found guilty of one count of causing malicious wounding and a count of possession of an offensive weapon. She was sentenced on December 2 for a total of 26 months.

She was given 20 months for causing malicious wounding and six months for possession of an offensive weapon, to run concurrently.

Trinder was found guilty of causing malicious wounding and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

He was jailed for a total of 32 months – 20 months in jail for the offence of causing malicious wounding and 12 months for assault, both to be served consecutively.

The pair were arrested in July after two people were attacked and "seriously injured" in Station Approach, Banbury.

Police said Trinder punched a 32-year-old woman in the head twice, causing a large cut to her head which required hospital treatment.

Dance then stuck the victim several times with a baseball hat, hitting the woman on the head, ankle and arms.

The second victim, a 30-year-old man, was punched in the eye by Trinder as he went to intervene. He received bruising to his eye and a fractured nose as a result of the assault.

PC Jonathan Cairns, of Banbury police station, said: "Trinder and Dance's despicable actions that day caused the victims to suffer severe physical and emotional pain.

"They both now have time in prison to reflect on the severity of their crimes.

"Any violent crime, especially involving the possession of offensive weapons, will not be tolerated and I am pleased the sentences have reflected the seriousness of the offences."

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Bin collections

N OXON: The festive season will not disrupt bin collections this year – all collections will continue as normal.

The council's offices at Bodicote House and its Link Points in Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington will be open as normal until 5.15pm on Friday, December 23.

They will be closed for three days from Monday, December 26, until Wednesday, December 28, reopening at 8.45am on Thursday, December 29 and 30. Offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2.

Registration date

N OXON: Final reminder letters have been sent to residents across Cherwell warning them they will be removed from the electoral register unless they confirm their details within 14 days.

National guidelines require Cherwell District Council to carry out an annual review of elector details.

People are legally required to be registered. Anyone who is not registered will not be allowed to vote.

For more information call 01295 227005.

Warehouses appeal

• *From front page*

the credibility of the alleged landscape harm and this can only be meaningfully achieved through cross-examination. "

During the hearing in June, Cllr Richard Mould opposed the application and said the warehouses would be the same height as four to five double-decker buses stacked on top of each other.

Cllr Catherine Fulljames, who spoke on behalf of all the county councillors representing Bicester and the surrounding villages, said they all opposed the plan and warehousing should be built at MoD Bicester.

The site adjoins the North West Bicester eco settlement and Albion Land own part of the land needed for the realigned Howes Lane.

As part of the eco development a new road will be built opposite the current Howes Lane, a tunnel would be built under the railway embankment, and a new junction created at Bucknell Road and Lords Lane.

A trigger of 900 homes and 40 per cent employment has been set by Oxfordshire County Council setting when work should start on the realigned road.

'Distressing' attack on woman's car

TWO men attacked a woman's car in rush hour traffic damaging the rear window.

The 32-year-old woman was driving from Long Crendon, near Bicester, towards Waddesdon in her blue Audi Quattro, on Monday last week around 6pm, when she noticed a white van driving closely behind her with its lights on full beam. She stopped in a layby prior to the crossroads of Waddesdon Hill junction and the A41, near a house in the manor grounds.

She then heard a smash and saw a man at the rear of her car, and another man by the passenger side. The victim managed to drive away from the men. Police described it as a "distressing incident".

One of the men is described as white, with dark hair, aged in his 30s, with a medium build and about 5ft 8ins tall. He was wearing dark clothing.

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Thousands raised for charity in memory of accident victim

By George Welch

MORE than £25,000 has been raised in memory of a four-year-old boy who died after an accident in a Thame leisure centre car park.

Barnaby Cork was struck by a car outside Thame Leisure Centre, in Oxford Road, shortly before 10.30am on December 10.

The driver stopped at the scene and emergency services were called but Barnaby died on the way to hospital.

Last week, the boy's heartbroken family members set up a charity fundraising page in his memory, with all the money raised going to support Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

The JustGiving page has so far raised £25,419.

A message on the JustGiving page, set up by Barnaby's dad Stefan, paid tribute to their "precious" son and thanked the emergency services for their efforts.

Mr Cork said the family wanted to raise money for Thames Valley Air Ambulance "because they are simply amazing".

The message read: "Our precious Barnaby was our world, our everything. He was taken from us at such a tender age; we are so so heartbroken to say goodbye before any of us are ready.

"We would give anything to have Barnaby back in the safe and loving arms of our family.

• Barnaby Cork and the scene of the incident (Picture courtesy of Thame Hub)

"We were so lucky to have such amazing doctors at hand in an instant.

"Ella and I will forever be indebted for the speed, skill and courage of all these great people on the scene fighting with Barnaby, including the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

"Only this summer we were raising money for the air ambulance and never for one second thought that we would be calling on them in our own moment of need... and that's the thing. None of us know what's round the corner.

"We're privileged to be able to call on the best support whenever we need it but should never take this for granted."

The family's message continued: "Every penny we can raise in memory of Barnaby could just help change the life of someone else's son or daughter.

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

By Friday morning more than £15,000 had been raised and on Monday morning the donations shot over the £23,000 mark before reaching £25,419 as the Guardian went to press on Tuesday.

Last week, St Mary's Church in Thame welcomed residents to pay their respects to Barnaby and light a candle in the church in his memory.

To donate, visit http://tinyurl.com/hlngvyq

Man, 18, jailed for drug offences after picture found of him posing with a shotgun

A TEENAGER was jailed for more than four and a half years after police found a photo of him posing with a shotgun during a drugs bust.

Benolo Makobe was sentenced for firearms and drugs offences at Oxford Crown Court on Wednesday last week.

On February 8, the 18-year-old, of Lovelace Gardens, Kingston-upon-Thames, was detained after running away from police in Woodins Way, Oxford.

A search revealed 43 wraps of cocaine and 24 wraps of heroin in his bag.

Officers found two images of him posing with a sawn-off shotgun on his mobile phone.

A later search of his home in June revealed the shotgun hidden in a cupboard. He denied any knowledge of it.

For the firearms offences, Makobe was sentenced to three years' imprisonment on each offence to run concurrently. For the drugs offences, he was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment on each count to run concurrently.

The sentences on the firearms and drugs offences are to run consecutively, giving a total of four years and eight months' detention.

Makobe was also ordered to pay costs of £213.05.

• Benolo Makobe

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Self-harm study

OXFORD: Tests could predict people set to repeatedly self-harm, according to Oxford-led research.

Dr Matthew Broome, an Oxford Health psychiatrist and researcher at Oxford University's Department of Psychiatry, analysed 15 studies of the relationship between different psychological factors and the risk of self-harm to reach his conclusion.

The research identified "a clear association" between repeated self-harm and two computer tests simulating real-life decision-making.

Dr Broome said: "If we are able to identify people more likely to harm themselves repeatedly, we can reduce the risk of suicide and target interventions, as well as reduce the great personal and healthcare costs of repeated self-harm."

Garden charge

W OXON: Residents in West Oxfordshire will have to pay for their garden waste to be collected from next April.

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West Oxfordshire District Council's cabinet approved the decision at a meeting on Wednesday last week.

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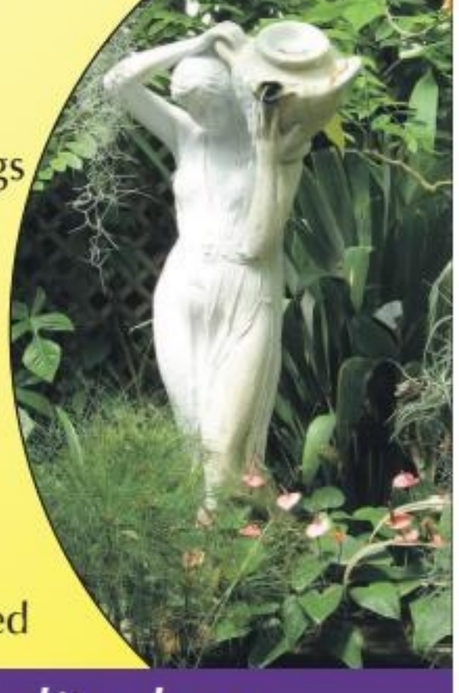
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Lib Dems accuse MPs of ignoring EU choice

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE'S MPs have defended voting in favour of triggering Article 50 to start Brexit talks by the end of March.

The six MPs – Nicola Blackwood (Oxford West and Abingdon), Robert Courts (Witney), John Howell (Henley), Victoria Prentis (Banbury), Andrew Smith (Oxford East) and Ed Vaizey (Wantage) – all voted in favour of Prime Minister Theresa May's bid to begin Brexit in three months time.

The PM's pledge to deliver on June's landmark referendum verdict was overwhelming backed by a massive majority of 372.

A total of 461 MPs voted in favour of the timetable, but despite Mrs May's comfortable victory, 89 MPs still voted against Brexit and her timetable to begin it by March 31. A further 60 MPs abstained, including 56 Labour MPs.

The Liberal Democrats, who finished second in October's Witney by-election and reduced the Conservative's share of the vote in the constituency from 60 per cent to 45 per cent, have accused Oxfordshire's MPs of ignoring the wishes of the county's voters.

Oxfordshire was the only county to vote in favour of staying in the EU, with Oxford voting 70 per cent to Remain.

Lib Dem Oxford West and Abingdon parliamentary candidate Layla Moran said: "Oxfordshire has made its view on the EU quite clear. We want to remain.

"Here, in Oxford West & Abingdon, we saw very high support for Remain, yet our MP has chosen to ignore our voices."

She also criticised the cost of a hard Brexit on jobs, healthcare and investment in research and education in the county.

But Oxfordshire's elected representatives defended their votes by saying politicians should respect democracy and the outcome.

• *Lib Dem candidate for Oxford West & Abingdon, Layla Moran, speaking at an Oxford March for Europe event on Broad Street in September (Picture courtesy of Oxford West & Abingdon Liberal Democrats)*

The only Oxfordshire Labour MP, Oxford East representative Mr Smith said: "I respect the overall outcome of the referendum, even though I campaigned hard to remain in the EU, just as even though Oxford East voted Labour in the General Election, I respect that the overall result was a Conservative majority. What's more, before the referendum I assured several constituents that I would implement the referendum result whichever way it went."

MP for Henley, Dr Howell said: "We ran this referendum on a nationwide basis, not on the basis of individual constituencies or counties. It therefore comes as a bit rich for the Liberal Democrats to accuse us of ignoring the wishes of the people when that is what they are doing."

Cherwell was the only constituency to vote in favour of leaving the EU in the referendum. Banbury MP Ms Prentis said: "The majority of my constituents voted to Leave at the referendum in June. While I voted Remain, I am a firm believer in our Parliamentary democracy. We must respect the result."

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Oxford	49,424 (70.27%)	20,913 (29.73%)
Vale of White Hourse	43,462 (56.7%)	33,192 (43.3%)
South Oxfordshire	46,245 (54.98%)	37,865 (45.02%)
West Oxfordshire	32,236 (53.66%)	33,435 (46.34%)
Cherwell	40,668 (49.69%)	41,168 (50.31%)
Oxfordshire (whole)	215,.35 (56.8%)	163,573 (43.2%)

Jailed for £20,000 con

A FRAUDSTER has been sentenced to more than three years' in jail after conning a woman with learning disabilities of £20,000.

Police said Karl McCarthy, 38 of no fixed abode, treated a vulnerable woman in her 30s as a 'walking cash machine'.

McCarthy told the woman, who formed a strong attachment to the hoaxer [due to her disability], that he had a 'rare form of epilepsy' which required 'daily medication' without which he would become 'seriously ill or die'.

But McCarthy was actually using the heroin substitute methadone and had been using the woman's money to buy heroin.

The woman's family was coerced into handing over her savings of £20,000.

McCarthy pleaded guilty at Oxford Crown Court on December 8 to one count of fraud by false representation and was sentenced at the same court hearing to 40 months' in jail. He was charged with the offence in June.

Investigating officer PC Jenny Hatten, based at Witney police station, said: "This case highlights the sheer greed and utter ruthlessness of McCarthy.

"Over a period of several years, he financially exploited this young woman with a learning difficulty after 'grooming' her following a chance meeting and pretending to be her boyfriend.

"The victim's parents tried to be supportive, even though they were concerned for their daughter, because her disability meant that she had formed a strong attachment to him.

"McCarthy was soon using her like a walking cash machine to fund his spiralling drug habit.

• *Fraudster Karl McCarthy*

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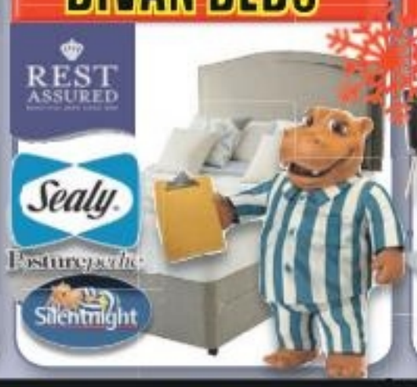

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THERE is nothing bog standard about Oxford's toilets as many of them can prove having scooped national awards.

The city council is rightly flush with success having won 10 Platinum Grade and eight Gold Grade Loo of the Year Awards from the British Toilet Association (BTA). Platinum is the highest grade granted.

On top of this the council was the UK overall winner in the in the Public Toilet category beating off challengers from the rest of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The awards follow a £700,000 programme of refurbishment work carried out between 2013 and 2016. The work saw 13 of Oxford's street-based public conveniences refurbished along with three in the council's parks.

Councillor John Tanner, Board Member for a Clean and Green Oxford, said: "It's a remarkable achievement and recognition of the investment the City Council has made to ensure the facilities are first-rate. These awards are a well-deserved acknowledgement for the council staff who keep our public conveniences clean."

The City Council maintains 23 public conveniences – one at Redbridge Park and Ride, three in parks, one in the Town Hall, one in each of the council's four cemeteries and 14 others across the city.

• From left, Ian Oliver, Parks; Jonathan Goldmin, Managing Director of the Evolve Company; Paul McNaughton, Streetscene; Des Porter, Streetscene Supervisor; Doug Loveridge, Streetscene Service Manager; Michael Finney, Streetscene; Brian Smith, Streetscene; Osman Yildrim, Streetscene Supervisor; Joseph Evan-Kiiru, Community Services; Troy Smart, Streetscene

'Dogs are for life'

W OXON: West Oxfordshire District Council is urging people to take note of the Dogs Trust's famous slogan – 'A dog is for life, not just for Christmas'.

The council said it picks up around 100 every year that are either lost or abandoned.

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Once a stray dog has been collected, it is taken to council-appointed kennels and owners have seven days to claim their pet.

If unclaimed, the stray will be rehomed through an animal rescue centre.

Councils top of the tree for recycling

By George Welch

TWO Oxfordshire councils have been voted the best local authorities across the country for their level of recycling.

South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) has been named the best recycler in the country with neighbouring Vale of White Horse District Council claiming fourth place.

SODC took the honour in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (DEFRA) annual recycling league tables for 2015/16.

It's the third year in a row that South Oxfordshire has topped the table, although the Vale dropped from second place last year.

According to the councils, this is in part due to big improvements from other councils. The recycling rates from East Riding of Yorkshire, which won second place, improved by over eight per cent.

The good news comes despite a small drop in the recycling figures in both districts due to recycling in green wheelie bins being contaminated with food waste, dirty nappies and other things that can't be recycled.

These are often hidden in sacks the waste crews can't see into, and full lorry loads of recycling were being rejected as a result. But new policies not to empty recycling bins containing non-clear sacks, which came into force for both councils last month, have already had a positive effect.

Since the new policy was introduced, no lorry loads of recycling have so far been rejected due to contamination.

Cllr Tony Harbour, cabinet member for waste at SODC, said: "We're extremely pleased to be top of the tables again and we're very grateful for the hard work of our residents – we took a difficult decision this year to stop people using non-clear sacks in their bins to prevent contamination.

"Most of our residents have already adapted brilliantly though, which should help us stay near the top for another year."

Cllr Charlotte Dickson, cabinet member for waste at the Vale, said: "I'm very happy to hear that our residents are still among the best in the country.

"We've already made great headway to tackle the contamination problem, so when we combine that with our successful kerbside textiles and electricals recycling collections, we're confident we'll be back to challenging our neighbours in South Oxfordshire for the number one spot next year."

Bedroom fire at Randolph hotel

OXFORD: FIrefighters were called to the Randolph Hotel to attend a blaze in a bedroom.

Two fire engines from Rewley Road fire station attended the incident on Wednesday last week where crews were faced with light smoke and a strong smell of burning percolating from a first floor bedroom at 11.40pm.

Two elderly residents had been moved from the bedroom by hotel staff, and firefighters made the room safe and cleared the smoke.

One woman was treated for smoke inhalation.

The fire is believed to have started inside an electrical nebulizer which had over heated.

News Bites

Brexit 'in' OED

OXON: The word Brexit has been added to the Oxford English Dictionary (OED).

It defines Brexit as "the (proposed) withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, and the political process associated with it".

The OED notes the 'impressive' speed with which the word has become widely known.

BBOWT call

OXON: 13 environmental groups, including Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), have called on politicians to ensure the environment is properly covered in Brexit talks.

They have formed the Greener UK coalition, which wants Prime Minister Theresa May to commit to using Brexit negotiations to restore the UK's environment and maintain its protections that have been developed with the EU.

Nighthawking

OXON: Police are advising landowners to be wary of illegal metal detectorists searching for historical artefacts to sell in a practice known as nighthawking in which metal detectorists operate on land without permission to do so.

Anyone who sees this should contact police on 999.

Chief fire officer set to retire

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE'S Chief Fire Officer Dave Etheridge OBE has announced his retirement after a distinguished 32 year career in the Fire and Rescue Service.

Mr Etheridge will retire from his role on March 31, to coincide with his final day as the President of Chief Fire Officers Association.

He joined Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service as an on-call firefighter in 1985. Having transferred into the full-time service in 1987, he undertook a wide variety of specialist and managerial roles before being appointed as the county's Chief Fire Officer in June 2010.

As well as being Chief Fire Officer for the county, Mr Etheridge is also a member of Oxfordshire County Council's management team, with broader responsibility for countywide Emergency Planning, Road Safety, Business Continuity, Trading Standards and Community Safety.

In 2015 he was awarded an OBE for Services to the Community in the Queen's New Year's Honours list.

He said: "It has been my privilege to serve in Oxfordshire my entire career. I can honestly put my hand on my heart and say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 32 years. To develop from being an on-call firefighter from Abingdon to a Chief Fire Officer shows what an amazing organisation the County Council is; one that really does invest in its people.

"I feel humbled and privileged to have worked with and met so many dedicated people whose commitment to public service, their role and sense of duty seems limitless and inspirational."

Councillor Rodney Rose, the Deputy Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, who also has Cabinet responsibility for Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "As Chief Fire Officer, the contribution Dave has made to Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service has been enormous. I will miss him personally and would like to thank him for his commitment and hard work to make Oxfordshire a safer place to live, work and visit."

Simon Furlong, Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service has been selected to become the next Chief Fire Officer and will formally take up the post from 1 April 2017.

Mr Furlong said: "I feel extremely proud to have been selected to become the next Chief Fire Officer of Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service. I would like to sincerely thank Chief Fire Officer Etheridge who has been a strong and inspirational leader and I am only too aware that I have big boots to fill."

• Chief Fire Office Dave Etheridge is retiring after 32 years to be replaced by his deputy Simon Furlong

Landlord fined £9,000 for illegally renting out property

AN Oxford landlord has been convicted of multiple housing offences and fined more than £9,000.

Maria Rosa De Simone Ramjohn, 73, of Marston Street, Oxford, was prosecuted after Environmental Health Officers from Oxford City Council investigated a house she had rented as a house in multiple occupation (HMO) in Marston Street that was found to be unlicensed.

There were also 14 breaches of the Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006.

She had breached fire safety regulations and failed to ensure that common parts in the property were in good and clean decorative repair.

The common parts were also not in safe and working condition, and windows had not been kept in good repair. The garden was overgrown, cluttered with rubbish and posed a safety risk.

It is the third time the council has prosecuted Mrs Ramjohn for HMO offences. She did not appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court in person on Tuesday last week but submitted a written plea of guilty to all six charges.

After hearing the facts and a note of her previous convictions the court fined her £1,500 for each of the six charges and also awarded the City Council £1,425 in costs.

Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Board member for Planning and Regulatory Services, said: "This case, which involves a repeat offender, illustrates why we believe the court should impose stiff penalties on landlords who wilfully ignore the law."

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School celebrates first Christmas

A SPECIAL school which opened in May has celebrated its first Christmas with a Christingle service.

Students and staff from LVS Oxford, for children on the autistic spectrum, gathered at St Michael's Church in Begbroke on Friday last week to celebrate the end to a fantastic year of progress for the school.

The service was led by Father Nathan Jarvis, the school's Chaplin, and included the first public performances of the school's newly formed staff and student choirs. Parents, learners, staff and members of the local community came together to enjoy carols, songs, readings and prayers and give thanks for an amazing year for the school.

The service on Friday saw the lighting of the Christingles which students had prepared in school and Father Nathan said: "It was a magical service for everyone who attended. The learners and staff had put a huge amount of effort into rehearsing their singing and readings. The performances were fantastic and it was really moving to witness how far these young people have come during their time at the school."

Learner Reece Sutton sang with the student choir and performed solo lines in their rendition of Band Aid's Do They Know It's Christmas?

Reece said: "It has been really good for me to try something new. I was nervous but our teachers Neil and Claire have encouraged us a lot. When it was time to give my first public performance I was ready and actually really enjoyed it."

Head Girl at LVS Oxford Holly Balchin said: "It was a great experience. Whole school events can be stressful for some of the students here at LVS Oxford but I think it is important that we don't shy away from them, supporting each other so we can overcome our fears and build confidence. The school puts a strong emphasis on our social growth, which is just as important as the academic work for students who are on the autistic spectrum."

The school enjoyed festive refreshments in the dining hall after the service.

Louisa Allison-Bergin, LVS Oxford's Head of Centre, said: "After a very busy term in school, it has been wonderful to come together to reflect on our blessings and remember all those people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

"I am delighted that our parents and members of the local community were able to join us for our Christingle Service and enjoy the wonderful singing and reading our learners and staff worked so hard on these past few weeks.

"2016 has been a fantastic year for LVS Oxford and our students with autism have made so much progress academically and socially.

"They are thriving at the school and we look forward to helping them develop further still in 2017."

Students light their candles at the autistic school's Christingle service

Pupils enjoy the Christingle celebrations

Father Nathan Jarvis with (from left) Head Boy Charlie Goode, Head Girl Holly Balchin and Deputy Head Boy Craig Harris

Reece Sutton (centre) sings with the newly formed LVS Oxford student choir at the service

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Superfast broadband goes live

By Samantha McGregor

EIGHT communities across the county are celebrating after "going live" with superfast broadband.

Among those to benefit from the Better Broadband scheme is aptly named Christmas Common, near Thame.

The scheme is a joint initiative between Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and BT and has seen an investment of more than £36m.

Other communities where fibre broadband has recently gone 'live' include the Grange Road area of Banbury, Britwell Salome, Cuxham, Nettlebed, Nuffield, Park Corner and the Oxford Road area of Swinford.

The faster broadband connection means people can play games, stream music and watch television without any buffering as well as benefitting businesses and usage at home.

Cllr Nick Carter, OCC's cabinet member for local government, business, ICT & customer Services, said: "We are delighted to have been able to bring a little Christmas cheer to this appropriately named hamlet in rural south Oxfordshire, and look forward to extending this during 2017."

He said about 70,000 households and businesses across Oxfordshire are now able to get superfast fibre broadband as a result of the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire (BBfO) roll-out.

Steve Henderson, BT's regional director for broadband partnerships, said: "This is a great time of year to get high-speed broadband. We rely on the internet more than ever to get things done. Whether it's working from home, running a business, doing homework or internet shopping – everything is easier and faster with fibre broadband."

Peter Richardson, of local community group Connect8, has been campaigning for better broadband in the area.

He welcomed the move, saying: "The arrival of superfast fibre broadband in Christmas Common is a breakthrough milestone in the long-running drive to bring a good broadband service to South Oxfordshire, with neighbouring areas following during 2017."

BT, OCC and the Government have contributed the lion's share. But councils including South Oxfordshire District Council, Cherwell District Council and Vale of the White Horse District Council have also made financial contributions.

For more details go to betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk

Korma along to award-winning Indian

A BICESTER curry house has once again made it to the shortlist of the industry's equivalent of the Oscars.

Jaflong Tandoori Restaurant, in Market Square, proved its food was top-notch when it reached the shortlist for Best in the South East 2016 at the British Curry Awards.

It was the 12th year running the family-run restaurant has received an award – Jaflong has reached the finals seven times and has been shortlisted five times.

In order to enter the awards, judges visited the restaurant, took photographs and made a video.

They were served two of the chef's specials, a starter of Tufani platter – dishes based on chicken and lamb and other delicacies, and the main course was chicken rajma – a half and half dish, comprising of Bhuna style and a creamy almond sauce.

The judges also looked at how well the restaurant was run, its atmosphere and how the staff interacted with customers.

Owner Shakur Ali, who runs the business with son Dilwar, said he was "honoured" to receive recognition from the British Curry Awards for the 12th year running.

He said: "We have seen a number of restaurants close recently, but we have had a really good year.

"My restaurant is very popular locally, I have been running it for 20 years and have a good reputation and have made a lot of friends in Bicester and the surrounding area.

"People like our restaurant – it's one of the oldest buildings in Bicester. Customers always come back. I think they like the atmosphere and the Bangladeshi cuisine, which is subtly different to Indian food.

"Getting a British Curry Award year after year proves to us, and our customers, that we consistently offer quality food and a quality service."

• *Staff celebrate getting shortlisted for curry Oscars in Battersea*

News Bites

School extension

N OXON: Deddington Church of England Primary School, in Earls Lane, Deddington, has applied for planning permission to build single-storey extensions to the school.

New buildings will include drama and music studios, group rooms, link corridor and nursery.

Free lanterns

THAME: Thame Town Council still has lantern templates available free to local people.

Local business, Windles Group, donated 3,000 templates to the council. Many have been given to schools, nurseries and churches.

Others were used in the lantern parade at Thame's Christmas Lights Switch-On.

Drop into the Information Centre, in High Street.

Homeless help

N OXON: Homeless people are being reminded they can get help and support this Christmas from Cherwell District Council through their links with a range of voluntary sector agencies.

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From the moment that you step through their front doors, the atmosphere is palpable and inviting and the team have been delighted with the feedback to all who have visited and seen for themselves the remarkable changes that have taken place in the setting. With continued enthusiasm, the new and beautiful sensory room will be completed in February 2017 which will follow with the introduction and development of the forest school.

In the meantime, they are opening their doors on Monday mornings from 10am until 12noon to allow parents, family and friends to come in and see this remarkable hidden treasure. Through these mornings, there is an opportunity to speak with staff and be provided with additional information on exciting and forthcoming events.

• Left to right. Erin, Evie, Laura, Diana, Catriona and Judith

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From January 19th the hotel will also be home to Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar & Grill. With a relaxed ambience and glamorous interior, guests can expect a traditional steakhouse with a timeless selection of English and French classics from the world-famous chef. Alongside succulent, 28-day aged steaks, the menu features many of White's signature dishes such as the Roast Rump of Lamb à la Dijonnaise.

Closing date: Thurs, Jan 12, 2017

For your chance to win an overnight stay for two simply answer the question below:

Q: How many UK hotels does Jurys Inn have?

31, 37, 36 or 35?

For more information about Jurys Inn Oxford and for the best rates book online at jurysinns.com. For January bookings for Marco Pierre White Steakhouse and Grill please call the hotel at: 01865 489988

Terms and conditions apply, see entry form for details.

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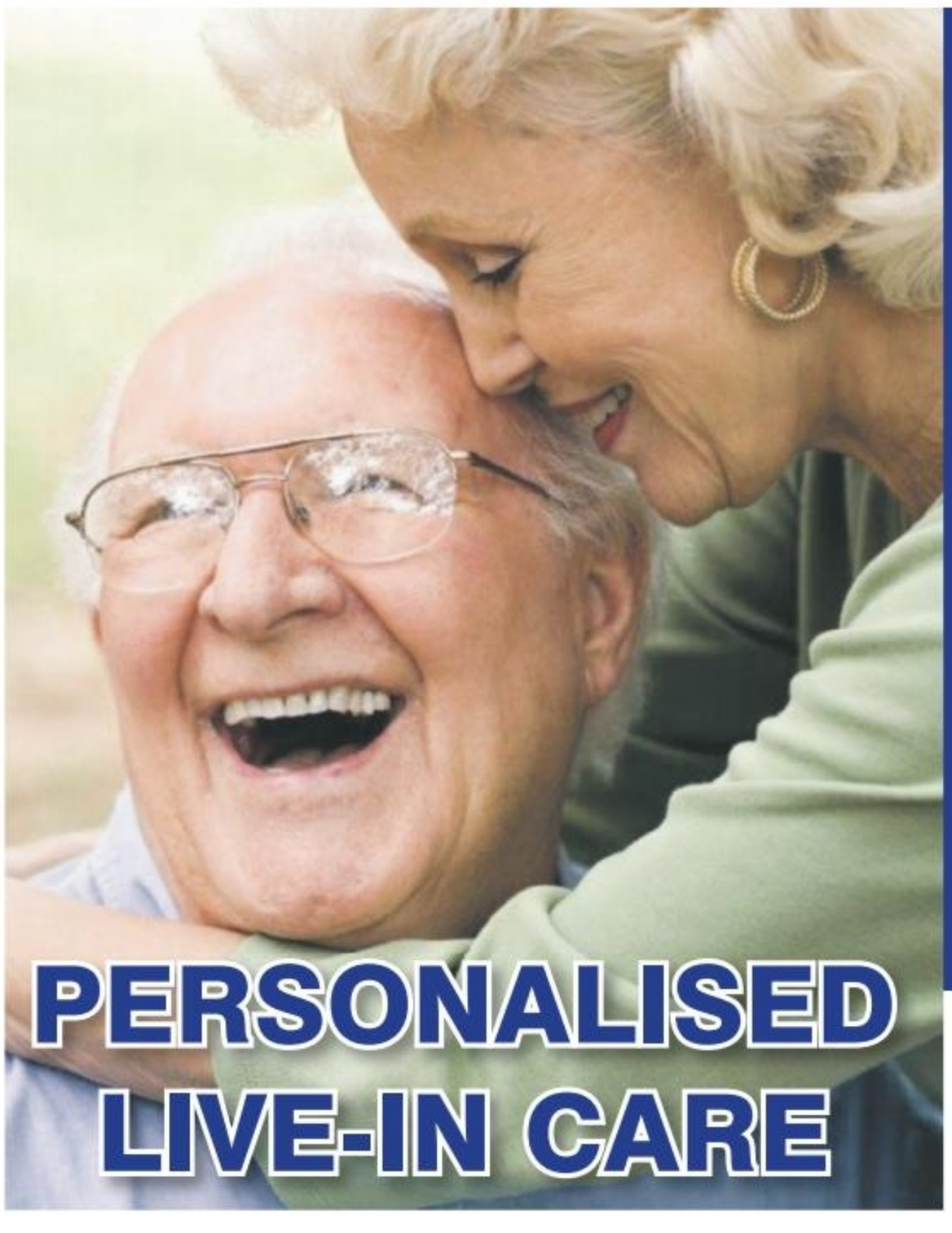

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Quick Clues Across

1 Considered (11)
9 Freeze (3)
10 Carry (9)
11 Sea bottom (5)
13 Adolescent (7)
14 Spurn (6)
16 Inquiring (6)
18 Town in Cyprus (7)
19 Blood sucker (5)
20 Obviously (9)
21 Moral lapse (3)
22 Place for personal advertisements (5,6)

Quick Clues Down

2 Look at (3)
3 Bury (5)
4 Extorts (6)
5 Replies (7)
6 Recalling memories (9)
7 Dissimilarities (11)
8 Makes firmer (11)
12 Disapproving (9)
15 Water tank (7)
17 Milky (6)
19 Faithful (5)
21 Total (3)

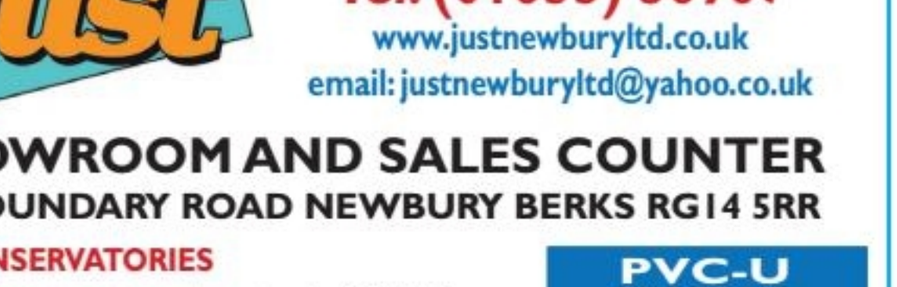
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 The reliability of what can be eaten on credit? (11)
9 That is induding a century in a cold state (3)
10 At no future time, according to the raven (9)
11 To tease us in return is sweet (5)
13 Those who are willing to reveal all? (7)
14 One who dines after noon initially is tidier (6)
16 One way I can change my mood (6)
18 Guess that the likeness will take in (7)
19 It's more genuine to be faithful to what is right (5)
20 How a Latin son could join the citizens (9)
21 Be critical of the god (3)
22 Making a fresh judgement about how the fools sing? (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 There's grass in every English county (3)
3 One who gives a way in round the new head (5)
4 Stolid six in part of the skeleton (6)
5 Almost entice without effort in a sensational way (7)
6 The outfit of the philosopher after a theoretical start? (9)
7 Quarrels about putting different sons in sides (11)
8 Bring the dismissals to a halt and stop fighting (5,6)
12 Give a pledge beforehand and argue out the surroundings (9)
15 Men who periodically have a policy (7)
17 Argue if it will be back in time (6)
19 In short it inquires for jobs (5)
21 A church following could turn this use of words into a blow (3)
25 You are old in divine surroundings - and sound like 29 (4)



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Sudoku

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EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

9		1		5		3	4	
		5	1				6	7
	3		4	2	8			
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This week's solutions

Quick Crossword

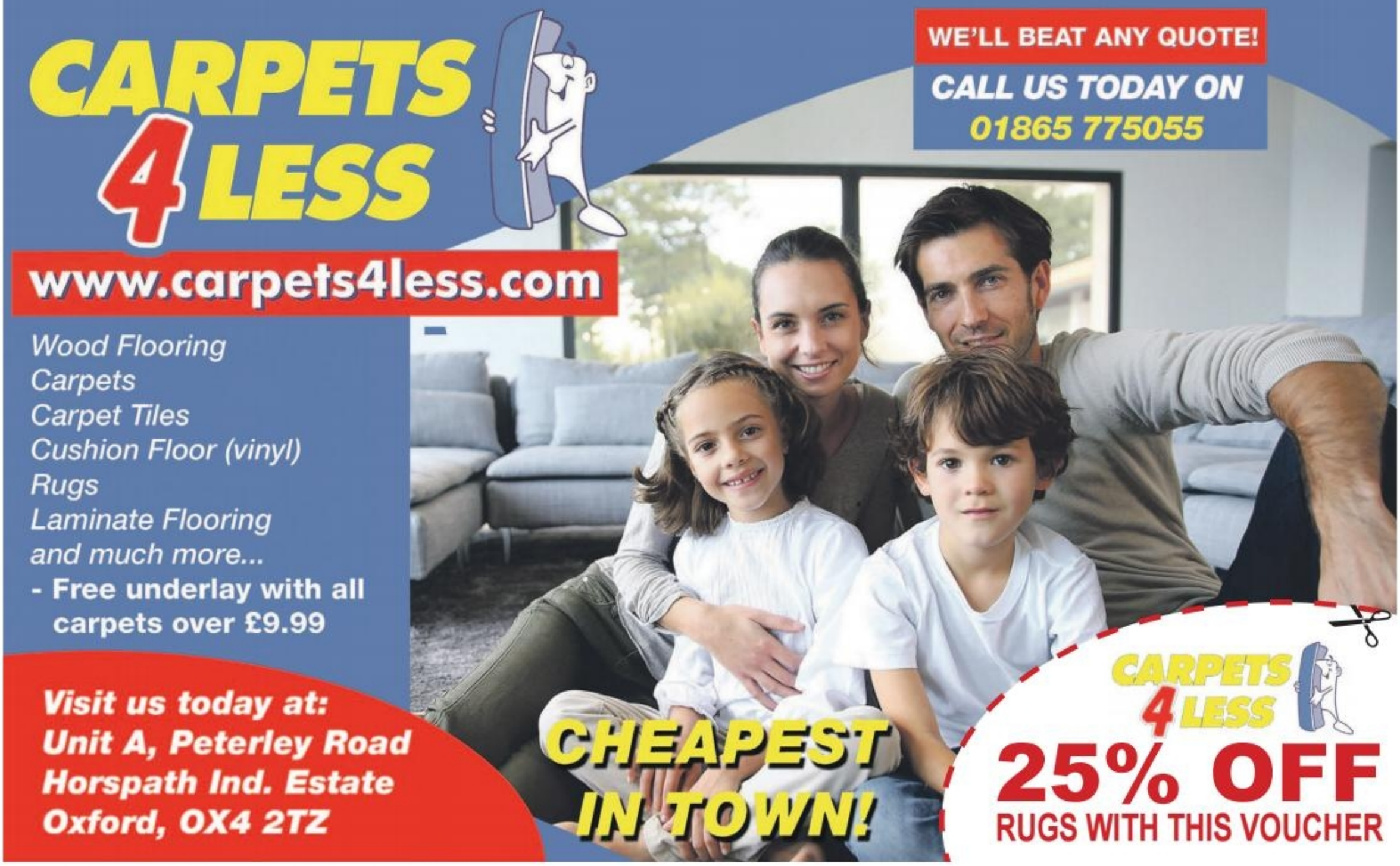
Across: 1 Deliberated 9 Ice 10 Transport 11 Floor 13 Teenage 14 Reject 16 Asking 18 Nicosia 19 Leech 20 Evidently 21 Sin 22 Agony column

Down: 2 Eye 3 Inter 4 Exacts 5 Answers 6 Evocative 7 Differences 8 Strengthens 12 Objecting 15 Cistern 17 Lactic 19 Loyal 21 Sum

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Credibility 9 Ice 10 Nevermore 11 Sugar 13 Nudists 14 Neater 16 Myself 18 Imagine 19 Truer 20 Nationals 21 Pan 22 Reassessing

Down: 2 Rye 3 Donor 4 Bovine 5 Luridly 6 Trousseau 7 Dissensions 8 Cease firing 12 Guarantee 15 Editors 17 Debate 19 Tasks 21 Pun



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DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** (S) **11.30 FILM A Christmas Carol (2009) (PG)** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Winter: Earth's Seasonal Secrets** (S) **2.15 FILM The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) (PG)** (S) **4.30 Shrek the Halls** (S)(R) **4.50 FILM Penguins of Madagascar (2014) (U)** (S) **6.15 BBC News** (S) **6.25 BBC Regional News** (S) **6.30 Pointless Celebrities** (S)

7

7.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show Michael puts a festive spin on his weekend variety entertainment show. (S)

8

8.25 EastEnders Phil is given some tough love by both Shirley and Denise. (S)

9

9.00 David Walliams Celebrates Dame Shirley Bassey The comedy actor hosts this special evening of entertainment. (S)

10

10.05 Peter Kay's Christmas Comedy Shuffle Including a singalong with Paul McCartney. (S)
10.50 The Vicar of Dibley Alice suggests an unconventional nativity play. (S)(R)

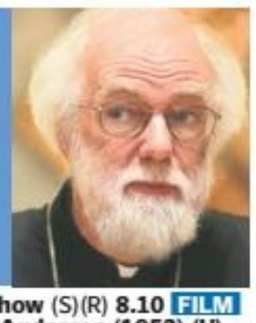
11

11.45 Midnight Mass: from St Chad's Birmingham (S)

AFTER 12

1.00 FILM Surviving Christmas (2004) (12) Comedy, starring Ben Affleck. (S) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2



7.40 The NFL Show (S)(R) **8.10 FILM Hans Christian Andersen (1952) (U)** (S) **10.00 Robot Wars** (S)(R) **11.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave** (S)(R) **11.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen** (S)(R) **12.00 The Cook Who Changed Our Lives** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Splash! (1984) (PG)** (S) **2.45 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale** (S)(R) **3.45 Gorilla Family and Me** (S)(R) **5.45 Carols from King's** (S)

7.00 Dad's Army Mainwaring's men face the might of a rival platoon in a battle to prove their worth. (S)(R)

8.00 Alan Bennett's Diaries A candid profile of the writer. (S)

9.00 FILM The Lady in the Van (2015) (12) Premiere. Comedy-drama, starring Maggie Smith. (S)

10.40 The National Lottery Live The all-important numbers. (S)
10.50 Christmas TOTP2 Special Mark Radcliffe presents festive performances from the Top of the Pops archive. (S)(R)

12.20 FILM Viva Las Vegas (1964) (U) Musical, starring Elvis Presley. (S) **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.40** Holby City (S)(R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 8.25 Weekend at Christmas (S) **9.25 Thunderbirds Are Go 9.50 The Chase** (R) **10.50 You've Been Framed! With Bells On** (S)(R) **11.20 FILM Despicable Me (2010) (U)** (S) **1.20 ITV News** (S) **1.30 FILM Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001) (PG)** (S) **4.20 FILM One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1961) (U)** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.15 News** (S) **6.30 Blankety Blank** (S)

7.30 Coronation Street Aidan admits to Johnny he is in love with Maria. (S)

8.00 Birds of a Feather Sharon, Tracey and Dorien head to Morocco to track down Travis when he goes missing while on his gap year. (S)

9.00 Grantchester Christmas Special A bride-to-be reports the disappearance of her groom on their wedding day. (S)

10.30 Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon hosts a Christmas special of the game show. (S)

11.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.45 Christmas Carols on ITV Aled Jones joins the congregation of St Chad's church in Rochdale. (S)

12.40 All Star Mr & Mrs Christmas Special (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Carry On Loving (1970) (PG)** Comedy, starring Sid James. (S) **3.05** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

7.05 FILM A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) (U) (S) **8.40 Father Christmas** (S)(R) **9.10 Painting the Bear Hunt 9.15 Christmas Brunch** (S) **12.15 Jamie's Ultimate Christmas** (S)(R) **1.15 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.45 FILM Scrooged (1988) (PG)** (S) **4.40 Channel 4 News 4.45 The Snowman** (S)(R) **5.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog** (R) **5.50 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) (U)** (S)

7.30 We're Going on a Bear Hunt Animated adventure, based on Michael Rosen's book of the same name. (S)

8.00 Gogglesprogs Christmas Special Young TV viewers appraise the year's television programmes in this festive edition. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special Jimmy Carr hosts a festive edition of the comedy panel show. (S)

10.00 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2016 Alex Zane and his canine companion Bah Hum-Pug present some of the most popular seasonal internet videos. (S)

11.00 Trigger Happy Christmas Special Dom Joly returns with a festive edition of the hidden-camera show. (S)
11.30 The Inbetweeners (S)(R)

12.05 The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **12.35** The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **1.00** The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **1.30** Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) **1.55** Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) **2.25** The Last Leg Christmas Special (S)(R) **3.20** My Crazy Christmas Lights (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 8.30 SpongeBob SquarePants (S) **9.05 FILM Doctor Zhivago (1965) (PG)** (S) **12.50 FILM The Vikings (1958) (PG)** (S) **3.05 FILM Jason and the Argonauts (1963) (U)** Fantasy adventure, starring Todd Armstrong. (S) **5.10 FILM Scrooge – A Christmas Carol (1951) (PG)** Charles Dickens' fantasy, starring Alastair Sim. (S) **6.55 Andre Rieu: Christmas in London** (S)

8.00 The Yorkshire Vet at Christmas A festive trip to Skeldale with vets Julian Norton and Peter Wright. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Eamonn & Ruth: A Million Pound Christmas Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langsford discover the most expensive ways in which people can enjoy the season of goodwill. (S)

10.00 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies Countdown of the best festive films, from It's a Wonderful Life to Bad Santa. (S)(R)

12.55 FILM Scrooge – A Christmas Carol (1951) (PG) (S) **2.25** SuperCasino **4.00** The Trafford Centre Countdown to Christmas (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.25** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R) **5.35** Milkshake! Bop Box (S)(R)

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6.00 The Hot Desk: Kelly Clarkson **6.10** Emmerdale **8.45** Coronation Street **10.45** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special **11.50** The Nation's Favourite Disney Song **12.50** FILM: Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups (2012) (U) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups (2012) (U) **2.35** FILM: Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas (2004) (U) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** FILM: Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas (2004) (U) **4.00** The Smurfs: A Christmas Carol **4.25** You've Been Framed! at Christmas **5.25** Catchphrase Christmas Special **6.30** You've Been Framed! at Christmas **6.55** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) **9.00** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) **11.15** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.40** Celebrity Juice Christmas Special **2.35** FILM: Derailed (2005) (15) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35** FILM: Derailed (2005) (15) **4.20** Educating Joey Essex: What Are You Sleighing? **5.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.30** Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

9.35 FILM: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (U) **10.35** FYI Daily **10.40** FILM: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (U) **11.45** FILM: Columbo: The Conspirators (1978) (PG) **1.50** Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale **3.50** The Sound of Music Live! **6.30** The Making of The Sound of Music Live **7.00** Lewis **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** Michael Flatley: A Night to Remember **11.00** The Suspicions of Mr Whicher **1.05** Inspector Morse **3.00** Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale **4.40** The Darling Buds of May **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride **9.00** Top of the Pops Christmas Hits **10.30** Roy Orbison: One of the Lonely Ones **11.30** Steptoe and Son **12.15** Top of the Pops: 1982 **1.25** Shirley Bassey at the BBC **2.25** Top of the Pops **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **8.20** FILM: A Christmas Wedding Tail (2011) (U) **10.10** FILM: All About Christmas Eve (2012) (PG) **11.55** FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) (U) **2.00** Father Christmas **2.35** Prep & Landing **3.00** Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice **3.25** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) (15) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2014 **2.15** Rude Tube **3.20** Rude Tube Christmas Cracker **4.10** Made in Chelsea Christmas **5.00** Melissa & Joey

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.10** Food Unwrapped **9.45** Vet on the Hill **10.50** Jamie's Night Before Christmas **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me Celebrity Christmas Special **8.00** The Storms That Stole Christmas **9.00** Britain's Wildest Weather 2016 **10.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special **12.50** Very British Problems at Christmas **1.55** 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special **2.40** Father Ted **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Miracle on 34th Street (1994) (U) **1.15** Arthur Christmas (2011) (U) **3.15** Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) **5.05** Thunderbirds (2004) (PG) **6.50** Knight and Day (2010) (12) **9.00** Last Vegas (2013) (12) **11.10** The Transporter (2002) (15) **12.55** Rear Window (1954) (PG) **3.15** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Motorway Cops **8.05** The World of Stupid Criminals **8.35** Storage Hunters UK **9.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.00** Jay Leno's Garage **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Top Gear USA Special **2.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **4.00** Top Gear: Burma Special **6.40** Top Gear **8.00** QI XL **9.00** Mock the Week **10.20** Mock the Week Christmas Special **11.00** QI Christmas XL **12.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **1.00** Not Going Out **2.00** Mock the Week Christmas Special **2.40** Suits **3.30** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Call the Midwife **9.00** King Solomon's Mines **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Catherine Cookson's The Gambling Man **4.00** Call the Midwife **6.20** Last of the Summer Wine **7.00** Birds of a Feather **8.00** Inspector George Gently **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.20** Gracie! **2.00** Sharpe **4.00** Close

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6.00 Sinbad **7.00** The Flash **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Football's Funniest Moments **12.00** Terry Pratchett's Hogfather **4.00** Star Wars: Greatest Moments **6.00** Star Wars: Rogue One Special **6.30** Yonderland Christmas **7.30** The Simpsons **9.00** A League of Their Own Christmas Special **10.00** The Late Late Show with James Corden **11.00** Carpool Karaoke **12.00** FILM: Stealth (2005) (12) **2.15** A League of Their Own: Unseen **3.15** Arrow **4.10** David Attenborough's Wild Ci

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6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **7.00** Blue Bloods **1.00** The West Wing **4.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Makin Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.45** Band of Brothers **1.55** Requiem For The Dead: An American Spring 2014 **3.20** Girls **4.00** The Petrol Age **5.00** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.05 Bondi Rescue **6.30** My Dream Home **11.30** EastEnders **2.00** FILM: Shakespeare in Love (1998) (15) **4.20** Mr Stink **5.40** Doctor Who **7.00** FILM: Lemo Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) (PG) **9.20** FILM: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) (15) **11.20** EastEnders **12.00** Traffic Cops **12.55** Almost Human **2.35** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

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7.20 Last of the Summer Wine **7.55** The Vicar of Dible **8.50** The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm **10.05** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Ou **10.40** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **11.20** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave **12.00** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death **12.40** TOTP2 **2.40** We Have Been Watching Xmas Special **3.55** Only Fools and Horses **7.15** Still Open All Hours **8.00** Bring Me Morecambe & Wise **9.00** Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special **10.20** The League of Gentlemen: Christmas Special **11.40** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **12.40** Bottom **1.20** House of Fools **2.00** French and Saunde **3.00** I Dream of Jeannie **4.00** Close

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7.00 Sporting Triumphs **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Clu **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Gareth Bale: Year of the Dragon **12.00** Live SPFL Football. **3.00** Great Sporting Moments **3.15** First Utility Super League Highlights **3.30** NFL – A Football Life **5.30** Live NFL. **9.00** Live NFL. **1.00** Live NFL. **5.00** Sporting Triumphs

Christmas Day

DAYTIME

BBC1

Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special, **6.45pm**

11.00 The Christmas Big Sing (S) **11.40 BBC News;** Weather (S) **11.50** FILM **The Croods (2013) (U)** (S) **1.20 Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas** (S)(R) **1.50 Top of the Pops Christmas** (S) **2.50 BBC News** (S) **3.00 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast** (S) **3.10** FILM **Frozen (2013) (PG)** (S) **4.45 The Great Christmas Bake Off** (S) **5.45 Doctor Who** (S) **6.45 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special** (S)

BBC2

Victorian Bakers at Christmas, **9.30pm**

10.20 FILM **Bee Movie (2007) (U)** (S) **11.40 Carols from King's** (S)(R) **12.55 Wild Tales From the Village** (S)(R) **1.55 The Good Life** (S)(R) **2.25** FILM **The Artist (2011) (PG)** (S) **4.00 Dancing the Nutcracker – Inside the Royal Ballet** (S) **5.30 Sign Zone: The Queen's Christmas Broadcast** (S)(R) **5.40 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show – 1976** (S)(R) **6.45 Christmas University Challenge** (S)

ITV

Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas, **6.45pm**

8.25 Weekend at Christmas (S) **9.25 Countrywise: Guide to Britain** (S)(R) **9.55** FILM **Despicable Me 2 (2013) (U) 11.55** FILM **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) (PG) 3.00 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast** (S) **3.10** FILM **The Lion King (1994) (U)** (S) **4.55 ITV News** (S) **5.15 You've Been Framed! Harry's Naughty List 5.45 Emmerdale 6.45 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas** (S)

Channel 4

Travel Man: 48 Hours in Florence, **8pm**

11.15 Painting the Bear Hunt (S) **11.20 Father Christmas** (S)(R) **11.50 The Snowman** (S)(R) **12.20** FILM **The Sword in the Stone (1963) (U)** (S) **2.05 The Alternative Christmas Message** (S) **2.15 Channel 4 News** (S) **2.20** FILM **It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (U)** (S) **4.55 The Snowman and the Snowdog** (S)(R) **5.25 We're Going on a Bear Hunt** (S)(R) **6.00** FILM **Home Alone (1990) (PG)** (S)

Channel 5

Britain's Favourite Xmas Songs, **6.15pm**

6.10 Milkshake! 7.35 FILM **An American in Paris (1951) (U)** (S) **9.50** FILM **On the Town (1949) (U)** (S) **11.50** FILM **Scrooge (1970) (U)** (S) **2.10** FILM **The Wizard of Oz (1939) (U)** Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. (S) **4.10** FILM **Singin' in the Rain (1952) (U)** Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. (S) **6.15 Britain's Favourite Xmas Songs** Festive music countdown. (S)(R)

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7.15 Blackadder's Christmas Carol Comic version of the classic tale, starring Rowan Atkinson. (S)(R)

7.45 ITV News (S)

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8.00 Call the Midwife Christmas special, in which the nurses of Nonnatus House travel to South Africa to help the struggling staff of a mission clinic. (S)

8.00 Dad's Army Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat. (S)(R)
8.30 Gospel Christmas (S)

8.00 Coronation Street Leanne is thrilled when Toyah returns to the cobbles. (S)

8.00 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Florence Rebel Wilson joins Richard Ayoade on a rapid-fire tour of the Italian city. (S)

8.30 When Celebrities Go Pop A countdown of the 40 most memorable records by celebrities. (S)

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9.30 EastEnders Any hopes of a merry Christmas seem slim with Phil's health deteriorating rapidly. (S)

9.30 Victorian Bakers at Christmas The bakers prepare Victorian Christmas recipes. (S)

9.00 Maigret's Dead Man Rowan Atkinson stars as the Parisian detective in the second in a run of adaptations of Georges Simenon's books. (S)

9.00 Gogglebox 2016 A look back at some of the highlights of this year's series, featuring regular armchair presenters Leon and June, Christopher and Stephen, and the Michaels family. (S)

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10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special A fire at the salon leaves Rory and Dino with nowhere to work. (S)

10.30 QI XL Josh Widdicombe, Susan Calman and Matt Lucas answer questions on Noel. (S)

10.30 Alan Carr's Christmas Chatty Man The host is joined for this Christmas special by guests including Tom Daley, Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue and Martin Kemp. (S)

10.30 FILM **Dallas Buyers Club (2013) (15)** Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto. (S)

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11.00 The Best of Tracey Ullman's Show (S)
11.30 BBC News; Weather (S)
11.45 On Christmas Night (S)
11.50 Would I Lie to You? (S)(R)

11.15 FILM **Great Expectations (2012) (12)** Period drama, with Jeremy Irvine and Helena Bonham Carter. (S)

11.00 FILM **Love Actually (2003) (15)** Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Martine McCutcheon. (S)

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12.20 Have I Got a Bit More 2016 News for You (S) **1.05** Citizen Khan (S)(R) **1.35** FILM **While You Were Sleeping (1995) (PG)** Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. (S) **3.10** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **3.15** BBC News (S)

1.15 FILM **A Hard Day's Night (1964) (U)** Musical comedy, starring the Beatles. (S) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

1.30 FILM **King Kong (2005) (12)** Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. (S) **4.25** ITV Nightscreen

12.35 FILM **Four Christmases (2008) (12)** (S) **2.05** Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2016 (S)(R) **3.05** Very British Problems at Christmas (S)(R) **4.00** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.00** Supershoppers (S)(R) **5.25** The Restoration Man (S)(R)

12.45 Greatest Ever Christmas Songs (S)(R) **1.10** SuperCasino **3.10** Chris Tarrant: On the Xmas Express (S)(R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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10.35 You've Been Framed at Christmas! **11.00** You've Been Framed! With Bells On **11.35** Emmerdale **12.00** Coronation Street **1.05** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) **3.10** You've Been Framed! **4.15** Catchphrase Christmas Special **5.15** Minion Madness **5.30** FILM: One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1961) (U) **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35** FILM: One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1961) (U) **7.15** FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) **9.00** FILM: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004) (15) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15** FILM: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004) (15) **11.15** Family Guy **1.10** American Dad! **2.05** The Cleveland Show **2.30** FILM: Not Another Teen Movie (2001) (15) **3.20** FYI Daily **3.25** FILM: Not Another Teen Movie (2001) (15) **4.10** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **5.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

8.10 Heartbeat **9.15** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **10.20** FYI Daily **10.25** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **11.30** FILM: Carry On Cleo (1964) (PG) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40** FILM: Carry On Cleo (1964) (PG) **1.25** FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) **3.15** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **5.05** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **7.00** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **9.00** FILM: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) (PG) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) (PG) **11.00** FILM: The Sting (1973) (PG) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** FILM: The Sting (1973) (PG) **1.40** FILM: The Four Musketeers (1974) (PG) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** FILM: The Four Musketeers (1974) (PG) **3.35** Wycliffe **5.00** Doctor at Large

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 King Lear **10.10** The Good Old Days: Christmas 1976 **11.00** Top of the Pops Christmas Hits **12.00** Old Grey Whistle Test: 70's Gold **1.30** All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 FILM: 12 Wishes of Christmas (2011) (PG) **7.35** FILM: The Dog Who Saved Christmas (2009) (PG) **9.25** FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) (U) **11.25** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **11.30** Baby Daddy **12.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Festive Guests **6.00** Frozen at Christmas **7.00** The Snowman **7.35** The Snowman and the Snowdog **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) (15) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Tattoo Fixers at Christmas **2.25** Virtually Famous Christmas Special **3.10** The Inbetweeners

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me Christmas **11.35** The World's Most Expensive Christmas **12.35** Stephen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets **3.45** 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross **7.00** The Supervet at Christmas **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas **9.05** Father Ted Christmas Special **10.20** It Was Alright in the 1960s **11.20** It Was Alright in the 1970s **12.25** Father Ted **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Rio (2011) (U) **12.50** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) **2.35** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) (PG) **4.25** The Princess Diaries (2001) (U) **6.35** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) (12) **9.00** Thor (2011) (12) **11.15** Your Highness (2011) (15) **1.20** Vertigo (1958) (PG) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

10.20 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.20** Top Gear: Burma Special **2.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **4.00** Top Gear India Special **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Top Gear **8.00** QI Christmas XL **9.00** Would I Lie to You? At Christmas **9.40** Would I Lie to You? **10.20** Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits **11.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.00** Would I Lie to You? At Christmas **2.40** Suits **3.30** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Call the Midwife **9.00** King Solomon's Mines **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph **4.00** Call the Midwife **6.20** Last of the Summer Wine **7.00** Birds of a Feather **8.00** Inspector George Gently **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.20** Burton and Taylor **2.05** A Fine Romance **2.40** Last Tango in Halifax **4.00** Close

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6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** News Swipe **7.30** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **8.00** WWE: Raw **9.00** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** Sky Comedy Christmas Shorts **10.15** Rod Stewart: Merry Christmas, Baby **11.30** A Kylie Christmas **1.30** Pixar's Greatest Moments **3.00** The Queen's Speech **3.15** The Simpsons **5.45** The Last Dragonslayer **8.00** Monkeys: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** Carpool Karaoke **10.00** Stella **11.30** The Late Late Show with James Corden **12.30** A League of Their Own Christmas Party **1.30** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **2.00** A League of Their Own **3.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **4.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos

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6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **10.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **11.30** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **2.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **5.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.35** The Affair **1.45** True Detective **3.00** Girls **4.10** The Petrol Age **5.05** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.00 Bondi Rescue **6.25** EastEnders Revealed: Whodunits **7.15** EastEnders **9.55** Mr Stink **11.10** Doctor Who **3.10** Billionaire Boy **4.30** FILM: Annie (1982) (U) **7.00** FILM: Oliver! (1968) (U) **10.00** FILM: Groundhog Day (1993) (PG) **12.00** EastEnders **1.20** Almost Human **2.15** Being Human USA **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 'Allo 'Allo! **7.35** Only Fools and Horses **11.00** TOTP2: Christmas 2014 **1.10** Only Fools and Horses **2.45** The Vicar of Dibley **3.50** Only Fools and Horses **7.55** The John Bishop Show **9.15** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **10.15** The Royle Family **11.30** Bottom **12.15** Peep Show **12.50** House of Fools **1.30** The League of Gentlemen: Christmas Special **2.30** I Dream of Jeannie **3.20** Cheers **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 NFL - A Football Life **7.00** NFL: America's Game **8.00** NFL **11.00** NFL: America's Game **12.00** NFL - A Football Life **1.00** NFL **4.00** NFL - A Football Life **5.00** NFL: America's Game **6.00** NFL **9.00** Live NFL. **1.00** Live NFL. **4.30** NFL - A Football Life **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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Beary Christmas in Oxford

By James Richings

CHRISTMAS is all about family and spending time with your loved ones.

And if you have children, then what can be better than taking them to a festive production?

The Story Museum in Oxford has the perfect one for them to enjoy with 'The Three Bears' being performed there until Sunday, January 8.

Writer and director Reneta Allen believes the show which features three stories about bears is sure to entertain.

"This is a brand new production that brings together three classic children's stories about bears," Reneta said.

"It has a mix of elements to delight and engage our audience including well known stories such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears, along with stories the audience may not have heard before.

"For example, there is a story about how a bear got his stumpy tail and a Norwegian story called 'East of the Sun and West of the Moon'.

"Many children who come to see this production may be experiencing live theatre for the first time, so it's terribly important they enjoy themselves and are gripped by the compelling interaction that is possible in a live show.

"They are invited to participate at times and even when they're not supposed to, they often say things spontaneously. So the children truly make sure that every show is unique to themselves and their relationship with the performer."

Reneta first appeared on the scene in 1991 when she wrote the children's production, 'The Magic Story Book' for the Oxford Playhouse, which became a huge hit with families across the city.

The popularity of the show gave Reneta the encouragement to continue with her writing, and now 25 years on from her debut production, she hopes she can still have the same impact on families over the Christmas period.

Local performer Andy Owens is the storyteller whilst Derbyshire-born musician David Gibb is supplying the soundtrack.

The run of shows at the Rochester House venue began on December 1.

"Personally I take a great deal of delight in the way the music interweaves with the stories and heightens the enjoyment or emotion intensely at particular times," Reneta said.

"It is organically built into the show rather than randomly added for no reason at all and the combination of the lovely compositions with Andy's exceptional voice make for some wonderful moments."

Tickets cost £12.50 to £14.

• Andy Owens in, 'The Three Bears'

List of remaining performances

Thursday, December 22
10.30am and 2pm
Friday, December 23
10.30am and 2pm
Saturday, December 24
10.30am and 1pm
Sunday, December 25
No performances
Monday, December 26
No performances
Tuesday, December 27
11.30am and 2pm
Wednesday, December 28
10.30am and 2pm
Thursday, December 29
10.30am and 2pm
Friday, December 30
10.30am and 2pm
Saturday, December 31
10.30am and 2pm
Sunday, January 1
No performances
Monday, January 2
11.30am and 2pm
Tuesday, January 3
10.30am and 2pm
Wednesday, January 4
10.30am 2pm
Thursday, January 5
No performances
Friday, January 6
No performances
Saturday, January 7
12.30pm and 3pm
Sunday, January 8
11.30am and 2pm

Robinson Crusoe: The Review

By James Richings

NOT being too familiar with the story of 'Robinson Crusoe', I really didn't know what to expect.

But I must say I was really pleased with what I saw.

So, what is the 2016 Chipping Norton Theatre pantomime about?

Robinson Crusoe (Craig Rhys Barlow), a cheeky-chappy, happy go lucky fishmonger from Hull boards the 'Saucy Nancy' ship to search for his late father's secret treasure on an exotic island after finding the secret treasure map.

As he boards the boat with his mother Dame Camilla 'Cammy' Crusoe (Andrew Pepper), Captain Wallace Windblower (Robert Maskell) and The Hounrable Polly Perkins, who is Robinson's love-interest and Wallace's niece (Emilia Williams), they bump into some evil pirates on their journey who are also on the lookout for the hidden gold.

However, a huge storm hits which destroys the ship and makes the group of goodies split up on an island.

Robinson then befriends Friday (Jean-Luke Worrell), the last member of a tribe who vows to help the young fishmonger find his friends, family and the missing gold.

But will Betty Babcock the Pirate (Kali Hughes) ruin their plan?

One thing that really stood out in this pantomime was the chemistry between the characters, especially with Barlow and Williams.

Barlow's loveable, boyish, charm and Williams' posh manner and innocence made their on-stage relationship work as the characters are completely different.

Williams' performance in some ways reminded me of Jane's character from the 1999 Disney adaptation of 'Tarzan', as Williams' character is a well-brought up young woman who finds herself at the heart of an incredible adventure which made her an immediate hit with the audience.

But the standout performance would have to go to Andrew Pepper as the Dame Camilla 'Cammy' Crusoe.

A flamboyant, flirty and lovable mother who has one of the strongest Yorkshire accents I have ever heard, Pepper's performance as the Dame was right out of the top drawer as his comedic timing to deliver punch lines was brilliant.

The way he interacted with the audience, his over the top persona and improvisation skills were well appreciated by the crowd, which was evident in one particular moment.

When the Dame finds out there is a monster on the island that the group are stranded on called The Terrible Trump (a reference to the US President in waiting), Pepper, alongside Williams and Maskell sing a song that 'hopefully' scares the monster away.

When the three repeat the chorus on numerous occasions, both Williams and Maskell run off stage after coming face to face with the creature whilst Pepper continues to sing, with the crowd screaming out the traditional phrase 'it's behind you!' when the monster appears on stage.

The 'monster' was a bear costume, donning a red tie and an orange lifelike rubber mask of Trump with blinding blonde hair.

Pepper continues with his number with the audience still urging him to turn around. But as he remains facing the front, one youngster from the audience took matters into their own hands.

When Pepper finished the song to say his next line, a child from the front row shouted, 'if you stopped singing and looked behind you, you'd see the monster.'

A huge roar of laughter then echoed around the Spring Street theatre.

Acknowledging the comment, Pepper looked over to the child, smiled and simply said, 'Love, I need to sing and not turn around, because that's how a panto works'. The audience took great pleasure in the comment and gave the actor a round of applause.

'Robinson Crusoe' really is a show for the whole family.

The show runs until Sunday, January 8.

• Emilia Williams as Polly Perkins, Andrew Pepper as the Dame, Camilla Crusoe , Craig Rhys Barlow as Robinson Crusoe (Photo by Silver Apples Photography)

List of remaining performances

Thursday, December 22
2pm and 6pm
Friday, December 23
2pm and 6pm
Saturday, December 24
2pm and 6pm
Saturday, December 25
No performance
Monday, December 26
4pm and 7.30pm
Tuesday, December 27
2pm and 6pm
Wednesday, December 28
2pm and 6pm
Thursday, December 29
2pm and 6pm
Friday, December 30
2pm and 6pm
Saturday, December 31
2pm and 6pm
Sunday, January 1
No performance
Monday, January 2
No performance
Tuesday, January 3
2pm and 6pm
Wednesday, January 4
1.45pm
Thursday, January 5
1.45pm
Friday, January 6
4pm and 7.30pm
Saturday, January 7
2pm and 6pm
Sunday, January 8
11am and 4pm

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Festive films to enjoy this Christmas

Our picks of this year's offerings on the box

By James Richings

EVERYONE likes to watch a good film over Christmas, so here is our selection of some of the best ones to enjoy over the festive period

Shaun of the Dead (2004)
December 22, 10.40pm, Channel 4

When Shaun's girlfriend breaks up with him, he drowns his sorrows with his best friend Ed. When going to work the next day, he sees that a zombie apocalypse has decimated his town and he, alongside Ed, his ex-girlfriend Liz and her friends Dianne and David, must do everything they can to protect themselves.

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013)
December 23, 8pm, ITV1

Based on 'The Hobbit' by J. R. R. Tolkien, The Desolation of Smaug is the second instalment of the trilogy following the 13 dwarves, their burglar Bilbo Baggins and the wizard Gandalf, who are travelling to the Lonely Mountain to reclaim their homeland.

Saving Mr Banks (2013)
December 23, 8.30pm, BBC2

Based on a true story, the movie tells the tale of the financially strapped author Pamela 'P.L' Travers (Emma Thompson), who reluctantly travels from the UK to the US at the advice of her agent to work with Walt Disney (Tom Hanks), who wants to adapt her series of 'Mary Poppins' novels into a feature length film.

Despicable Me (2010)
December 24, 11.20am, ITV1

Gru (Steve Carell), is a supervillan who adopts three girls from an orphanage while attempting to steal the Moon in this family fun film with an ensemble cast including, Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Danny McBride, Kristen Wiig, Julie Andrews and many more.

Home Alone (1990)
December 25, 6pm, Channel 4

The McCallister family are gearing up for a Christmas that they will never forget as they are preparing to go to Paris.

But Kevin is left behind, and has to defend the family home from two hapless burglars with a variety of creative traps before his parents make it back in time for Christmas.

• *Despicable Me will be shown on Christmas Eve on ITV1*

Four Christmases (2008)
December 26, 12.35am, Channel 4

With Brad (Vince Vaughn) and Kate's (Reese Witherspoon) parents both being divorced, the couple try and escape spending Christmas Day with them and their new families.

However, after telling a lie that backfired, the couple find themselves celebrating four Christmases in one day.

Captain Phillips (2013)
December 26, 9pm, ITV1

Tom Hanks plays Richard Phillips in this film based on the true story of a merchant mariner who captained the MV Maersk Tygra before it was seized by Somali pirates.

Chicken Run (2000)
December 29, 10.50am, BBC1

Ginger, the unofficial leader of the chickens, is desperate to escape the Tweedy's struggling poultry farm.

After many failed attempts, Rocky the Rhode Island Red crash-lands in their pen, and might offer a chance of escape.

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Sat, Dec 8 – Sat, Jan 7
North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford
SNOW WHITE AND OTHER TALES FROM THE BROTHERS GRIMM
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Tue, Dec 13 – Sat, Dec 31
New Theatre, Oxford
THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW
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Thu, Dec 13 – Fri, Dec 23
Old Fire Station, Oxford
30 CHRISTMASES
'Christmas Eve, eleven years ago, was the last time we saw Dad. Oh, hello, I'm Jonny. This is my sister Rachel. And this is Paddy, who's... always there.'
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Thu, Dec 22, 7.30pm
The Beacon, Wantage
THE ZOOTS
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Thu, Dec 29, 9pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
JACK WHITEHALL: WORK IN PROGRESS
Star of Bad Education and Fresh Meat, Jack Whitehall comes to Chipping Norton Theatre to try out material for his upcoming stand-up tour.

Mon, Jan 2, 6pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM
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Fri, Jan 6, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Tue, Jan 10, 7.30pm
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Tue, Jan 10 – Wed, Jan 11
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
HEARTBEATS AND ALGORITHMS
Banks is working late, designing an algorithm that will predict the decisions of people in seemingly unpredictable predicaments. In the process of perfecting the equation, she ends up creating a program that gets to know her better than she knows herself. As a result, it predicts that she will soon find herself in a predicament of her own.

Fri, Jan 13, 8pm
North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford
GEORGE MONBIOT & EWAN MCLENNAN
The celebrated columnist and political/environmental campaigner George Monbiot joins forces with leading folk singer Ewan McLennan for a unique collaboration in words and music.
The venture originated in an article about the personal and social effects of loneliness that George wrote which immediately went viral. He and Ewan subsequently extended the ideas in the article into a series of songs that together make up a new album, Breaking The Spell of Loneliness.

Sat, Jan 14, 11am
The Beacon, Wantage
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Sat, Jan 14, 11am and 2pm
North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford
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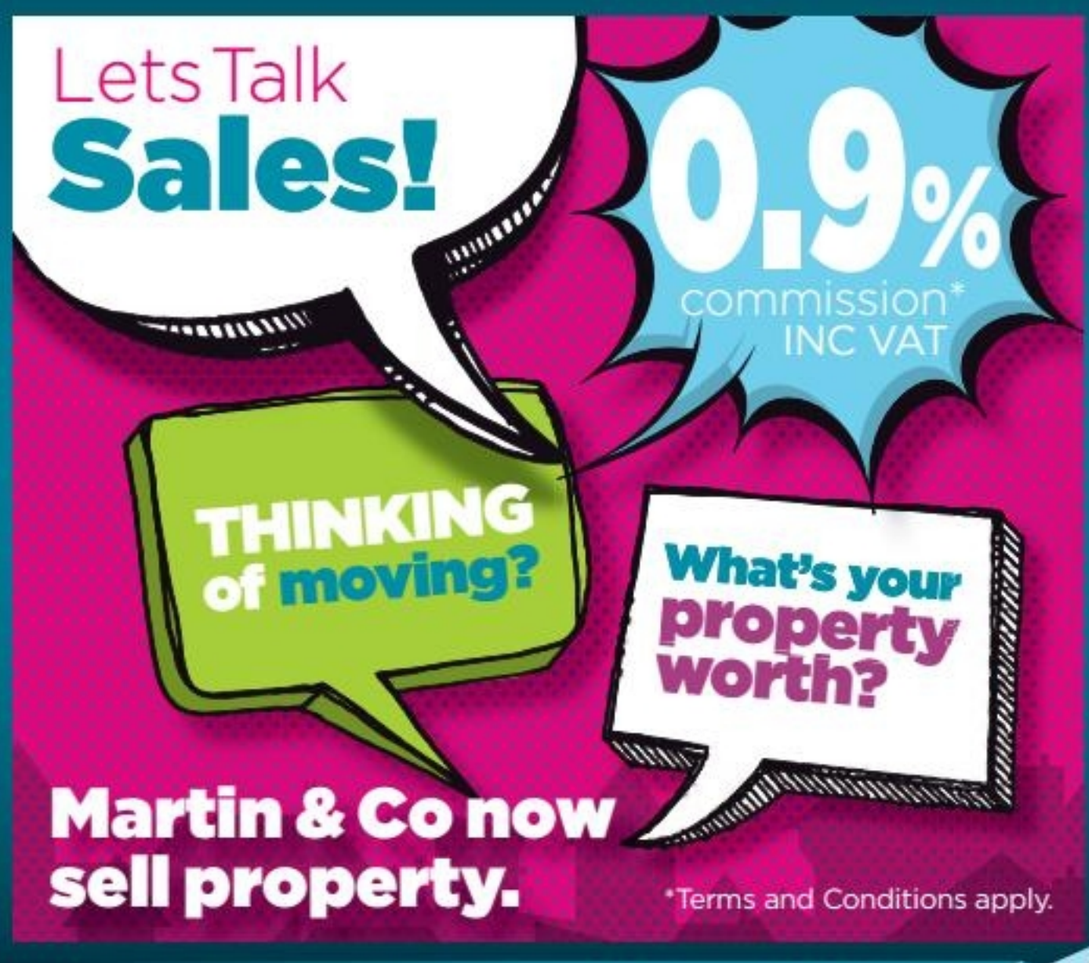

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Audi Q2 1.6 TDi SE

German crossover worth a look

By **Anthony Yates**

THE new Audi Q2 is a very stylish crossover that also happens to be spacious, practical and bold with its display of confident flowing design features helping to give it its coupé-like appearance.

I also like how the Q2 has a powerful presence on the road with its modern SUV looks and high ground clearance which all do their bit to show off the distinctive and versatile appearance of the Q2.

Power and efficiency:

The Q2 I had on test was fitted with a 1.6 litre TDi engine that is equipped with a stop/start system to enhance fuel economy. The 116hp version produces 250Nm of torque and can accelerate from 0 to 62 mph in 10.3 seconds and will reach a maximum top speed of about 122mph. I am not going to talk much about MPG, but I did manage a good return of 55mpg using my normal driving route. The 1.6-litre diesel engine is also up for being driven hard if the need requires, but it's also quiet when you're in sixth gear cruising on the motorway.

• *Audi Q2 1.6 TDi SE*

On the road:

The steering is accurate in whatever situation unfolds itself on the road and the chassis is good. Grip levels are also good and the Q2 is a very engaging drive but you have to remember that this car is not a raw seat-of-your-pants car. The Q2 also has a short wheelbase and a high centre of gravity so I expected a fair amount of body roll when going into the corners, but, to be honest, this was very minimal and it felt better than I expected.

Design & technology:

Equipment highlights include 17" x 7.0J '5-arm star' design alloy wheels, Audi Drive Select, front sport seats in index cloth, inlays in a choice of red or yellow, anodised paint finish, aluminium interior elements, MMI Navigation (SD card-based) Audi Connect Infotainment Services, eight passive loudspeakers, cruise-control system and light and rain sensors.

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Rear passenger leg room is also good, even for the tallest of people, and the seating is well set out with plenty of support for all occupants. The boot is also large enough to deal with a large shopping trip or a large family week away.

To sum up:

The Q2 is a great little car, but the abundance of small SUVs on the market is making it difficult for most people to pick a firm favourite. I would not rule out taking a look at the Audi Q2 because it has some great features along with a good chassis and a firm sense of reliability on its side.

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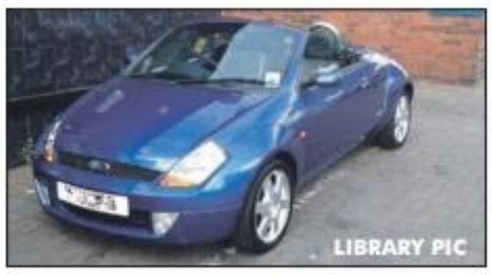

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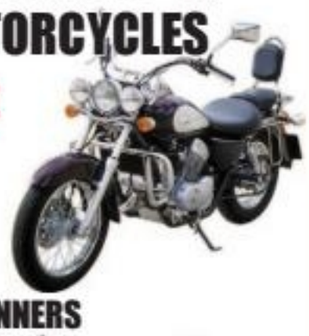

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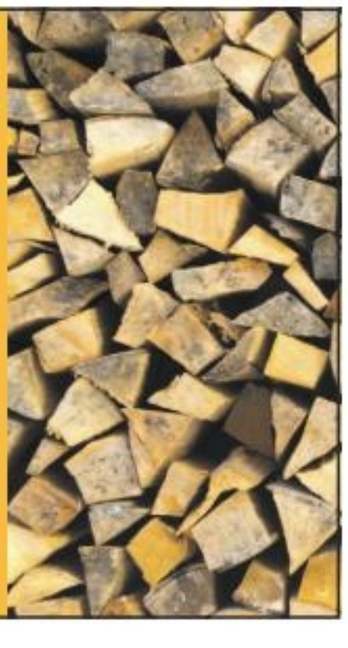

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Ardley tamed in cup upset

ARDLEY United manager Paul Davies has blasted his side's 5-2 Oxfordshire Cup defeat at lower league Thame Rangers on Saturday as one of the worst performances of the season.

Davies' critical analysis comes just a week after he had praised his side for the best performance in a 2-0 league win at Tuffley Rovers.

The north Oxfordshire side threw away a 2-1 half-time lead to suffer an embarrassing cup defeat thanks to Rangers' hat-trick hero Sean Coles.

Ardley took the lead from a corner on seven minutes when Chris Jackson towered between two defenders to head home, but Coles levelled with his first of the afternoon on 14 minutes.

Ardley retook the lead in the final minute of the half through Jack Heap to give the visitors a half-time lead.

Thame equalised for the second time five minutes after the restart when Coles headed home his second of the afternoon.

The goal rocked Ardley and gave Thame the belief to then go on and dominate the rest of the game.

And Coles' hat-trick on 62 minutes followed by further strikes from Shayne Almond (66) and Kieron Schmidt (87) secured Thame's passage into the next round.

Davies said: "After going from our best performance of the season last week, this is in the top two of our worst performances of the season.

"We simply were not at the races, individually and as a group.

"We can change things or go back to basics or we can look for excuses but at the end of the day we were supposed to be the better team from a higher level but we've been a million miles away from them."

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Three-time Olympic medallist Houghton retires from rowing

By George Welch

• *Frances Houghton, third from left, with her women's eights team showing their medals (Pictures courtesy of Team GB)*

FRANCES Houghton, the three-time Olympic silver medal-winning rower, has announced her retirement after 16 years at the top of her sport.

Oxford-born Houghton, who has represented Team GB at five Olympic Games since making her debut at Sydney 2000, won quadruple sculls silver in Athens and Beijing, before helping to deliver the country's first-ever women's eight Olympic medal in Rio this summer.

The 36-year-old former Headington School pupil first joined the Great Britain set-up as a junior in 1995, before winning World Junior bronze three years later.

At Rio 2016, Houghton, a member of Henley's Leander Club, was part of the crew which delivered Britain's first ever women's eight Olympic medal, rowing alongside former Dragon School pupil Katie Greaves.

Houghton said: "Having achieved my goal of going to five Olympic Games, this is the right time for me to retire.

"To row at an elite level was my dream since the age of 11, and winning silver in Rio with such an inspiring, fun and motivated team was the perfect end.

"I have been fortunate to row with so many incredible people throughout my career, with whom I share many great memories and they all made the hard work worth every moment.

"My greatest debts of gratitude go to my mother, sister and fiancé, without whose support, understanding and endless encouragement this year following the passing of my father (who came to almost every race I entered for 25 years) just a few weeks before the Games, I would not have been in Rio at all.

"I look forward to watching the next generation of rowers going from strength to strength. I hope they enjoy the sport as much as I have."

Puritans strike early to secure another win

• *Ricky Johnson scores (Picture by E.A Barson Photography)*

THREE goals within 30 minutes put Banbury United on the way to another three points in a 4-0 home win against bottom club Cinderford Town on Saturday.

The magnificent first half performance helped the Puritans to their third win in row and to eighth place in the Southern League Premier Division, six points off the play-offs.

Banbury, who scored within a minute in last week's 5-0 win over Hayes & Yeading, took another early lead against Cinderford when Conor McDonagh slotted home after just 12 seconds.

Two goals in the space of two minutes virtually sealed the points for United when Ricky Johnson fired the ball home from close range on 25 minutes before Andy Gunn headed in from a free-kick less than two minutes later.

Banbury were never in trouble and extended their advantage with a fourth two minutes into stoppage time as Johnson converted Zac McEachran's free-kick.

Stars fail to shine against Chieftains

OXFORD City Stars' miserable run of form continued as they lost their sixth successive game on Sunday.

They were beaten 5-3 by National Ice Hockey League South 1 leaders Chelmsford Chieftains, meaning the Stars have lost every game against their Essex rivals this season.

Sunday's match started with a dominant first period from the Chieftains, with two goals from Grant Bartlett and another from Juraj Huska giving them a 3-0 lead after 20 minutes.

Five minutes into the second period and the Stars finally got their first courtesy of Jaroslav Cesky, sparking the traditional throwing of teddy bears onto the ice to be donated to charity.

Following the brief interlude the Chieftains re-established their three-goal advantage, with Daniel Hammond scoring on the powerplay.

Towards the end of the period the Stars found themselves with a two-man advantage, and made good use of it as Dominic Hopkins got his side's second of the match.

Early in the third period the gap was down to one goal as Josh Oliver put one in the net, and sensing the comeback victory the Stars stepped up their efforts.

Chances came and went, but Lukas Zatopek sealed the win for the Chieftains with their fifth goal partway through the period.

• *Oxford City Stars celebrate one of their goals (Picture courtesy of Oxford City Stars)*

The Stars sit fourth in the standings with 15 points, with third to sixth now separated by just four points.

They now head off for their Christmas break, with the next league match away to Bracknell Hornets on January 7.

• *Ryan Moore, left, presents Dan Savin with the 1st XI player of the year award*

• *Danny Clark, right, hands Steve Conway the 2nd XI player of the year prize*

Cricket club honours top players

BICESTER and North Oxford Cricket Club celebrated a successful season at the club's annual dinner and presentation night.

Dan Savin's 29 Division 4 wickets, taken at 13.26 runs each, saw him claim the 1st XI player of the year award in a season that also saw the side gain promotion back to Division 3.

Club stalwart Steve Conway's 25 wickets at just 10.7 runs apiece earned him the 2nd XI player of the year prize, and helped them to a strong third-placed finish, just missing out on promotion.

The 3rd XI player of the year award was scooped by the returning Marcus Mears, whose 199 runs at an average of 22 helped the side finish sixth in Division 9 North.

Also vital to the 3rd XI was George James, who claimed the Youth Player of the Year award for his mature performances with both the bat (167 runs at 18.6), and with the gloves behind the stumps.

The Clubman of the Year Award was shared between 1st XI captain and vice-captain Ryan Moore and Olly Ward for their efforts off the field, organising and promoting the club's increasing number of social events.

Preparations for the 2017 season get under way in January, and new players of all abilities are encouraged to attend the winter net sessions taking place at The Cooper School, Churchill Road, Bicester.

Contact 1st XI captain Ryan Moore on 07885 622882.

Freds concede nine at home

WANTAGE Town hit a new low in their miserable Division One South and West campaign as they were thrashed 9-0 at home to Taunton Town on Saturday.

The Freds had an afternoon to forget, shipping six goals inside the opening half an hour.

It only took four minutes for Taunton to open their account, as Craig Duff tucked the ball into the left hand corner.

Owen Irish headed home from close range for the second, before a spell of three goals in four minutes got Taunton up to five.

Number six came on 29 minutes as Owen Irish completed his first ever hat-trick, before the Freds finally had a chance of their own just before half-time as Harvey Scholes shot into the path of keeper Lloyd Irish.

Thick fog almost came to Wantage's rescue as there were talk of abandoning the game at the break, but it resumed as planned and early in the half the Freds had another chance as Sean McKeown's volley was saved.

Taunton had the ball in the back of the net again on 67 minutes but it was ruled offside, but the seventh came soon afterwards from Matt Wright.

And in the last 10 minutes the visitors were able to put away two more goals to complete the rout, and leave Wantage languishing towards the bottom of the table.

Leigh ship four in home defeat

NORTH Leigh were given a lesson in finishing when they suffered a 4-1 home defeat to third placed Evesham United on Saturday.

The Millers were 2-0 down at the break after Evesham took the game by the scruff of the neck with two excellent strikes in the space of seven minutes.

On the quarter hour mark, forward Carl Brown drove through the centre of the pitch and unleashed a stunning right foot shot from 20 yards beyond Manny Agboola into the bottom corner.

And on 22 minutes, Lance Smith fired a rocket from the edge of the area to give Agboola no chance as Evesham doubled their advantage.

Although match officials inspected the visibility conditions and allowed the game to continue, most supporters were able to see very little of the action in the second half because of the fog.

And that was probably for the best for Leigh fans as the Robins scored two very quick goals to put the game way out of reach for the home side.

Garyn Preen scored from close range a minute after the restart before Smith scored his second goal from close range two minutes later to make it 4-0.

A token strike by George Seacole on 55 minutes from close range was the best Leigh could manage in a game best forgotten.

City's caretaker boss makes winning start

By George Welch

CARETAKER boss Mark Jones made a winning start to his Oxford City reign by ending a three match losing streak.

The former City coach oversaw a 1-0 win against Eastbourne Borough at Court Place Farm on Saturday to lift the Hoops to their highest league position since the second game of the season.

• *Caretaker manager Mark Jones watches on as Jefferson Louis scored the winner against Eastbourne Borough (Pictures by Michael Allen)*

Striker Jefferson Louis scored eight minutes from time to lift City to 14th in the National League South table, eight points above the relegation zone.

The match began tentatively as both sides took their time to acclimatise to a tired pitch, but Oxford were the first to trouble the opposing goal after a trademark adventurous run by Godfrey Poku.

But most of the early exchanges took place in the City half, with Elliott Romain missing the clearest chance of the match for the Sports when he found himself clean through on goal, but could only shoot straight at a grateful Ty Belford.

City went straight down the other end and nearly took the lead from a dangerous free kick on the edge of the area.

Scott Davies struck the set piece sweetly but, with the ball destined for Charlie Horlock's top right hand corner, the keeper got across magnificently to push the ball around the post.

City made the all important breakthrough with time running out when Stéphane Ngamvoulou drilled a ball across the face of goal to veteran striker Louis, who made no mistake to convert the Hoops' winner.

Speaking after the game, a delighted Jones described the win as "a very important three points".

Jones has wasted no time in making changes to his squad since taking over, with the signing of Frenchman Jean-Yves Koue Niate from National League side Solihull Moors.

The 23-year-old central defender made his debut against Eastbourne on Saturday.

He has also made changes to his coaching staff as Enrique Guillen has stepped down to focus on the Oxford City Lions Futsal side, while former Luton Town academy coach Joe Deeney is Jones' new assistant.

Goal-happy Kidlington keep scoring

KIDLINGTON scored two goals or more for the seventh game in a row on Saturday as they beat Arlesey Town 2-0 at Yarnton Road.

Goals from Anaclet Odhiambo and Callum Harvey either side of half-time extended the Greens' unbeaten run in December to three matches.

The win sees Julian McCalmon's side up to 15th place in the Southern League Division Central table, the best position so far this season.

Kiddy dictated play from the early stages and the pressure told when, after some excellent work by Tommy Castle and Lewis Coyle, the ball found Odhiambo, who slotted home on 38 minutes.

Kidlington have scored 15 goals in their last seven matches and they doubled their advantage shortly after the restart through substitute Harvey.

Castle weaved some magic down the left flank before he found Harvey – the youngster took one touch before placing his shot into the far corner.

Kidlington played some neat and controlled football as their midfield trio of Lewis Gabbidon, Elliott Osbourne-Rickets and Eric Odhiambo ran the game.

Didcot and Shortwood share six-goal Christmas cracker

• *Ben Whitehead fires home Didcot's second goal (Picture by Roger Neal)*

DIDCOT Town came back from 3-1 down to draw 3-3 at Shortwood United on Saturday as the Division 1 South & West play-offs continue to be just out of sight.

Diddy won five games in a row in a six-match unbeaten run from October into November to get within touching distance of the play-offs, but now sit mid-table and eight points off the promotion places after winning just one of four December matches.

But Saturday's point at fellow promotion hopefuls Shortwood just about keeps them in play-off contention ahead of a Boxing Day clash at home to struggling local side Wantage Town.

And overturning a two-goal deficit against such strong opposition will be seen as a point gained rather than two points dropped for Andy Ballard's side on Saturday.

The Railwaymen took the lead after just five minutes through Sam Barder but Shortwood's new signing Ross Langworthy rounded Leigh Bedwell to equalise just four minutes later.

The hosts raced to a 3-1 lead before half-time when Will Morford and Jake Lee goals looked to have put United in control.

But a Ben Whitehead strike on the stroke of half-time gave the visitors a boost going into the break.

Didcot continued the pressure in the second half and were level on the hour when Whitehead struck from a tight angle to put them deservedly level.

Both sides were dangerous in the final half hour but there was no winner and the sides shared the points.

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Mercurial Maguire shows magic touch in Bury win

Maguire scores a last-minute free-kick to beat Bradford

Maguire scores United's third against Coventry from the penalty spot

Maguire mocks then-Peterborough United keeper Ben Alnwick

Maguire celebrates one of his two goals against Swindon Town

Maguire fires in an equaliser against Charlton

By George Welch

STRIKER Chris Maguire proved inspirational for Oxford United as they came from behind twice to beat struggling Bury 3-2 on Saturday.

Maguire scored from two free kicks to drag United back on level terms at Gigg Lane against a Bury side that have now lost their last 12 league matches and are winless in 16 matches in all competitions.

Trailing to a James Vaughan goal early on, Maguire struck his magnificent free kicks either side of a Tom Pope goal to leave the scores level at half-time.

But Oxford stole the points 20 minutes from time when a Marvin Johnson cross was inadvertently turned into his own net by Bury left back Greg Leigh to extend the U's unbeaten run in all competitions to eight matches.

Maguire's 10th and 11th goals of the season in all competitions helped propel his side to equal a season's high of 10th place in SkyBet League One, just five points off the play-off spots.

The 27-year-old has been vital to Michael Appleton's side this year as last season's League Two runners-up have made a steady return to English football's third tier, their first campaign at this level since the 2000-2001 season.

With 11 goals to the Scotsman's name already, the forward, who has contributed from all angles of Oxford's front line, has scored some vital goals this season, including winners against Bradford City, Peterborough United and, of course, both goals in a 2-0 win over rivals Swindon Town.

The forward has scored eight of his 11 goals this season from dead-ball situations – half of these being free kicks.

He scored his third free kick of the season on 14 minutes low into Bury goalkeeper's Paul Rachubka's bottom left hand corner from the left, 18 yards out. And he got the better of the Shakers' reserve keeper again two minutes before half-time for his fourth when from a more central position he lofted the ball over the wall and into the net, despite Rachubka getting a hand to it.

The former Scotland international has now scored three more goals than summer signing Kane Hemmings, who is on eight goals for the season in all competitions.

As pleased as Appleton will be with his forwards, the U's head coach will be concerned with his defenders after Vaughan lobbed Simon Eastwood for a simple route-one goal on five minutes before Pope bundled home the home side's second on 39 minutes.

• The U's are heading for another bumper Boxing Day crowd at the Kassam with more than 10,000 tickets sold for the home game against Northampton Town on Monday.

• *Pictures by Steve Daniels*

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